

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Plaintiff**

**v.**

**SUNOCO, INC. (R&M)**

**Civ. Action No.**

**and**

**SUN PIPE LINE COMPANY,**

**Defendants.**

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**NOTICE OF LODGING OF CONSENT DECREE**

The United States respectfully provides notice of the lodging of a consent decree in the above-captioned action. No action is required by the Court at this time. As explained below, the consent decree is subject to a thirty-day public comment period.


In this action, the United States seeks civil penalties and natural resource damages against Sunoco for violations under Section 311(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(3), and Section 1002(b)(2)(A) of the Oil Pollution Act, 33 U.S.C. § 2702(b)(2)(A), resulting from a February 2, 2000 oil spill from Sunoco's North Ship Pipeline into a wetland located in the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The proposed decree provides that Sunoco will pay a civil penalty of \$2,742,600, and natural resource damages in the amount of \$865,000.

Consistent with Department of Justice policy, 28 C.F.R. § 50.7, the United States is lodging the Consent Decree at this time, subject to notice of the Consent Decree being published in the Federal Register for a thirty-day public comment period. Upon expiration of the public comment period and review of any comments received, the United States will move the Court to approve and enter the Consent Decree or to take some other course of action. Accordingly, no action is required by the Court until the thirty-day public comment period expires and the United States files an appropriate motion.

Respectfully submitted,

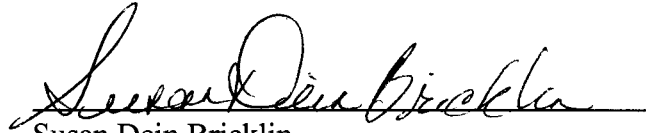
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